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**Subject:** Comment Letter - Wetland and Riparian Area Protection Policy

**Wetland/Riparian Policy**  
Deadline: 4/19/07, 12 noon

Hello,

My main comment is not to forget to include the subject of noxious weeds/invasive exotic plant species in all considerations: removal of existing infestations, prevention of any new introductions during restoration activities, and also prevention of spread into the watershed of any water-associated weed species during the course of riparian activities. I have seen environmental documents for restoration projects that did not even mention the subject. Make it clear for each project that any existing or immediately adjacent weed occurrences are recognized and being taken into account.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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